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THREE GOOD FAIR DAYS

Many Splendid Exhibits From Farm, Field and Garden.

With today the fifth annual Columbia County Fair will pass into history. With each succeeding year better and more exhibits are on display. Farmers are making greater efforts to raise only the best and from which the best seed is selected. The display in all lines of the soil's production this year is certainly very gratifying to the management.

The display of stock is exceptionally good, but the number of exhibits is limited for the reason of the ruling that only registered animals are eligible to entry. The display, therefore, represents the best in blooded stock.

The poultry exhibit is much better than last year and many of the pens will measure up to the standard of perfection. The large number of varieties indicate the interest taken in the poultry line as well as the raising of birds for exhibition and commercial purposes.

The display in the floral department was exceedingly attractive. The flowers were arranged in attractive array and were the admiration of all lovers of flowers.

The woman's department is up to the usual display. The many specimens of handy work is perplexing to the opposite sex, but from those who know best, the exhibition was a very satisfactory one and the many articles were greatly admired.

The school department cannot be excelled anywhere, and only at the state fair can a larger display be found and but a bit better, taken school by school.

In agricultural hall about everything that is raised in the ground is on display. A number of individual farm displays show what can be done in the way of diversified farming and the gratifying results. No better fruits and vegetables can be found anywhere.

PREMIUM AWARDS

Floral

Best display potted plants—First, Mrs. Jack DeSpain.

Best display cut flowers—First, Mrs. Freeman, Warren; second, Mrs. Bendure, Warren; third, Mrs. Sherrie, Rainier.

Best dahlias—First, Mrs. E. Harms, Warren; second, Mrs. E. E. Smith, St. Helens; third, Mrs. J. DeSpain.

Best display roses—First, Mrs. J. Saxton; second, Mrs. E. Harms, Warren; third, Mrs. E. Rotger, St. Helens.

Best astors—First, Mrs. G. Allen, Rainier; second, Mrs. E. Harms; third, Mrs. J. Rutherford.

Best display geraniums—First, Miss Ida Tarbell; second, Mrs. C. M. Beeler.

Best display pansies—First, Mrs. K. E. Freeman, Warren; second, Mrs. E. Rotger, St. Helens; third, Mrs. Quinn, St. Helens.

Best display gladiola—First, Mrs. K. E. Freeman, Warren; second, Mrs. J. DeSpain, St. Helens.

Pulling Match

First, I. Tucker, Houlton; second, J. A. Bushong, Yankton; third, Chas. Wallace, Yankton.

Single Pull

First, J. A. Bushong; second, J. A. Bushong; third, I. Tucker.

Single Driver

First, J. W. Allen; second, Henry Bumgardner; third, Roy Laws.

School Exhibits

Best drawing (grammar school)—First, Etta Hudson, Marshland; second, Signa Johnson, Marshland; third, Carl Tucker, St. Helens.

Best map Oregon and Washington—First, Pauline Novak, Scappoose; second, Arnold Saari, St. Helens; third, Dan Jesse, Rainier.

Best letter writing (grammar school)—First, Fern White, Scappoose; second, Reta Maston, West St. Helens; third, Elsie Morley.

Best writing (high school)—First, Lawrence Davies, St. Helens; second, Louis J. Wallis, St. Helens; third, Lola Metcalf, Scappoose.

Best exhibit manual training (high school)—First, Dewey S. Smith, St. Helens; second, Harry Wilson, St. Helens; third, Forest Smith, Scappoose.

Best exhibit manual training (grades)—First, Frank Crouse, St. Helens; second, Alvin Hill, St. Helens.

Best piece carpenter work (high school)—First, Curtice Cooper, Warren; second, John Southard, St. Helens; third, high school, Scappoose.

Best piece carpenter work (grades)—First, Harry Bishop, Goble; second, Fred Wallace, Yankton; third, Harold Wright, Marshland.

Best bird house—First, Irving Brown, Trenholm; second, James Watts, Scappoose; third, John Goodman, West St. Helens.

Best collection vegetables—First, Madeline Pasera, West St. Helens; second, Walter Lund, Warren; third, Roderick Blatchford, Scappoose.

Best display potatoes—First, Walter Lund, Warren; second, John Novak, Scappoose; third, Frank Hoyt, Warren.

Best display beets—First, Willie Kammerer, Dutch Canyon; second, Walter Lund; third, Verner Rylander, Warren.

Best display squash—First, Floyd McKay, Scappoose; second, Archie Rowley, St. Helens; third, Clara Hangerud, Dutch Canyon.

Best display cabbage—First, Roy Spaulding, Warren; second, Lyle Jobin, Scappoose; third, Frank Novak, Scappoose.

Best display popcorn—First, Theodore Cooper; second, Beth McKay, Scappoose; third, John Novak, Scappoose.

Best display canned fruit (girls over 14)—First, Amy Butat, Yankton; second, Helva Watts, Scappoose; third, Gladys Johnson, Scappoose.

Best display canned fruit (girls under 14)—First, Thelma Robinette, Yankton; second, Willa Bushong, Yankton; third, Elsie Morley, West St. Helens.

Best display jelly—First, Gladys Johnson; second, Laura Farar, Warren; third, Willa Bushong, Yankton.

Best home made candy—First, Gertrude Brown, St. Helens; second, Lula Brown, West St. Helens; third, Gladys Johnson, Scappoose.

Best loaf bread (girl over 14)—First, Irma Robinette, Yankton; second, Bertha Uhlman, Scappoose.

Best loaf bread (girl under 14)—First, Fay Morrell, Canan; second, Edna Potter, West St. Helens; third, Myra Rylander, Warren.

Best cake (girl over 14)—First, Gladys Johnson; second, Amy Rudalt, Yankton; third, Helen Watts, Scappoose.

Best cake (girl under 14)—First, Inez McKay, Scappoose; second, Anabelle Isbister, St. Helens; third, Genevieve Fowler, Goble.

Best plain needlework (girl over 14)—First, Eva West, Scappoose; second, Pauline Novak, Scappoose; third, Ollie Stottenberg, Scappoose.

Best plain needlework (girl under 14)—First, Irma Robinette, Yankton; second, Iona Tompkins, Scappoose; third, Dolly Adams, Dutch Canyon.

Best piece fancy needlework (girls over 14)—First, Carrie Boesel, Warren; second, Hazel Wikstrom, Scappoose; third, Ada Cole, West St. Helens.

Best piece fancy needlework (girl under 14)—First, Margaret Husick, Scappoose; second, Velma Pelton, St. Helens; third, Iona E. Tompkins, Scappoose.

Best fancy dress (girl over 15)—First, Ollie Stottenberg, Scappoose; second, Eva West, Scappoose; third, Lois Payne, St. Helens.

Best tailored dress (girl over 12 and under 15)—First, Ruth Hunter, St. Helens; second, Ened Tarbell, Yankton; third, Amy Rudalt, Yankton.

Best display hand sewing (girl over 14)—Ollie Stottenberg, Scappoose.

Best fancy shirt waist (girl over 14)—First, Gladys Johnson, Scappoose; second, Hazel Wikstrom, Scappoose.

Best display hand sewing (girl under 12)—First, Vera Kent, Marshland.

Best display hand sewing (girl under 10)—First, Mildred Klogger, Marshland.

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PROMINENT YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED

Pretty Wedding Solemnized at Home of Bride's Parents.

A wedding of much interest on account of the prominence of the contracting parties and their wide acquaintance in both city and county was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when Edward C. Laws and Edna Marie Harris were made man and wife. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Sandifur in the presence of only the family and close relatives of the bride and groom.

The bridal party assembled up stairs, and as Mrs. Ethel Minar, a cousin of the bride, played the wedding march the groom, attended by



MRS. E. C. LAWS, NEE EDNA MARIE HARRIS

his best man, Charles Laws, entered the parlor. They were followed by the ring bearer, little Miss Eleanor Foy, who carried a basket of flowers, the centerpiece being a large rose in which was the wedding ring. The bride, gowned in white satin with a bridal veil trimmed with orange blossoms and carrying a beautiful shower bouquet, entered upon the arm of her father, who gave her away. While the ceremony was being performed the bride and groom stood under a canopy of roses and evergreens.

After the wedding supper, which was served on the wedding dishes of



EDWARD C. LAWS

the bride's grandmother, the happy couple left by auto for Portland, and they will make a short wedding trip before returning to St. Helens.

Both of the young people have resided in St. Helens for a number of years and number their friends by the score. Mr. Laws is a pharmacist, having graduated from the North Pacific college in 1912, while his bride, taking the same course of study, graduated from the O. A. C. the same year. Mr. Laws is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Laws, and his bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris.

Their host of friends extend their congratulations and best wishes.

K. OF P. ENTERTAIN RIDGEFIELD LODGE

Members of Lake River lodge No. 124, Knights of Pythias, of Ridgefield, their wives, daughters and lady friends, were entertained Tuesday evening by Avon lodge No. 62 of St. Helens, the Odd Fellows hall being used for the occasion. After a short

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ST. HELENS

City Will Employ Additional Legal Talent to Defend Damage Suit.

Council met in regular session Monday evening with all members present.

The street committee was granted further time to report in regard to street lights.

Councilman White reported that the culvert on Fir street was not yet completed.

Street concessions during fair week were granted to the fair association.

Councilman Ballagh reported that the sewer under the Watkins confectionery had been completed. Also reported a private sewer in need of repair. Ordered that party be notified to connect up.

Alf. Johansen presented to the council the matter of connection with sewer, also requested an additional light. Referred to street committee.

Marshal reported that the sidewalk on the school premises had not even been commenced. It was ordered that the marshal notify parties in charge that unless action was commenced soon the city would tear the walk out and place banisters at each end.

It was decided that boat owners who tie up at the floating dock be notified that unless they desist, they will be arrested and charged with maintaining a nuisance.

In the matter of the damage suit against the city by Mrs. Thompson, who claims \$7,000 for alleged injuries received, the mayor was authorized to employ C. W. Fulton to assist City Attorney Day in the defense.

VISITED MOTHER IN WASHINGTON

District Attorney Cooper and Mrs. Cooper returned Monday from a few days' visit to Mr. Cooper's aged mother, who lives in Puyallup, Wash. While in that thriving little city they attended the Pierce county fair. Puyallup is between Seattle and Tacoma, and Mr. Cooper stated that thousands of visitors from those cities attended the fair. On the closing day the attendance was more than 15,000. It might be well for Portland people to follow the example of the Sound cities as to fairs outside the city's gates. The Pierce county fair is one of considerable pretensions and rivals the state fair in point of exhibits.

address of welcome by the mayor, which was responded to by Mayor Buker of Ridgefield, a most entertaining program was rendered, and each number heartily concurred.

After the program all were invited up stairs to the banquet room, where bountiful portions of clam chowder, made as only Bill Fullerton and Martin White can make it, together with coffee, sandwiches, etc., was served and as the toastmaster called, many of those present responded. Ice cream and cake were served also.

It has been a custom for many years for the St. Helens lodge to go to Ridgefield for the strawberries and cream, and then Ridgefield comes for a visit to partake of clam chowder, coffee and sandwiches. A very cordial, friendly feeling has sprung up between the two lodges.

The following program was rendered:

Orchestra Selection LaBare's Orchestra Solo J. H. McCoy Miss Leona Perkins, accompanist Solo Mrs. Leo Conlin Orchestra Selection Leo J. Conlin Vocal Duet Mr. and Mrs. Conlin Orchestra Selection

A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation by Isaac Hughes, a member of the Ridgefield lodge, of a table he had made especially for the St. Helens lodge. In the table were 4,118 separate pieces of wood and there are 32 different varieties. During his spare time Mr. Hughes has worked on this table for more than two years. St. Helens lodge accepted the table with sincere thanks to Mr. Hughes, who has been a member of the order for more than 40 years.

COST OF IMPROVEMENT ON CALIFORNIA STREET

Road is Now Completed—A Needed Connecting Link.

The recent improvement on California street, which connects the Warren-West St. Helens roads, is now completed. Many have asked the Mist the cost of the improvement, and by the kindness of Roadmaster Abry we are able to furnish our readers with the following data as to its cost:

Clearing and grubbing... \$ 14.50 Labor—grading 774.00 Macadamizing 105.00 Fuel 12.00 Powder, fuse, etc. 122.45 Distillate 6.74 711 yds. rock at 58c 412.38

Total \$1,447.07

The road is 14 feet wide and about 2,300 feet long. The amount appropriated for this road at the budget meeting was \$1,160, so the cost has exceeded the appropriation by nearly \$200. Moreover, the overhead expenses, such as salaries of roadmaster, road supervisor, etc., is not included. If the total cost was figured, in all probability, the cost would run close to \$1,800. From time to time the Mist will give costs of certain pieces of road so our readers and the taxpayers can keep informed as to the expenditure of their money.

A SERIES OF MINOR ACCIDENTS

Fay Plunk, night engineer at the Columbia County Lumber Company mill, coming in contact with a supply wire Monday night, received a heavy charge of electricity which rendered him unconscious for a short time. He was not seriously injured and will be able to resume his duties in a few days.

Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock, E. E. Long, who is on the night shift at the shipyards, was painfully injured when a timber on the rollers ready for the band saw rolled off and struck him, breaking his leg at the thigh. Dr. L. G. Ross was called and gave the injured man temporary relief and he was later sent to a Portland hospital, where at last reports he is getting along nicely.

John Phillips, another employe of the shipyards, met with a painful accident Tuesday when his anatomy came in contact with a heavy timber. His injuries, however, are nothing more than a broken rib and bruises, and he will be all right in a few days.

INFORMATION AS TO ROAD MATTERS

County Roadmaster Abry has returned from the lower end of the county where, for several days, he has been going over the highway and the various roads now under construction. In company with Amos Benson, A. E. Harvey and Mr. Purcell, county bridge builder of Multnomah county, they went over that portion of the highway from Delena to Ingalls, a distance of about six miles. The highway follows the Beaver canyon, and there are to be ten bridges in this six miles. It is planned to build only temporary bridges, the cost of which is estimated at \$10,000. A logging railroad now operating in that vicinity will soon suspend operations and several of their bridges will be used on the road. Mr. Abry thinks this can be done at a small cost, as it is only necessary to widen the railroad bridges in order to use them on the county road. The improvements contemplated on this six-mile stretch of road will cost about \$40,000, and it is the supposition that the state will pay \$20,000 of it. A. S. Benson will advance the necessary funds so that work can be vigorously prosecuted, and when the funds are available the state will reimburse him.

Men, teams and material are being gotten together, and if favorable weather continues much work is expected. Mr. Abry stated that he hoped to have the road open for traffic before the coming summer. Mr. Purcell will have charge of the construction of the bridges. Other work in this vicinity is progressing satisfactorily, according to Mr. Abry.

ROAD EXPENDITURES TO SEPTEMBER 1ST

OVER \$100,000 IS SPENT

Small Balance for Completion of Work—Resources and Liabilities

Judge Hattan has kindly furnished the Mist with the following statement of how much each road district has spent in the present year, that is, for the period ending August 31. As will be seen from the statement, about 80 per cent of the money has been expended and it is quite evident that the money appropriated for the several jobs will not be enough to do the work which was anticipated.

District.	Warrants Drawn.	Left to Work Out.
No. 1.....	\$ 12,815.24	\$ 3,938.45
No. 2.....	23,389.06	3,475.66
No. 3.....	15,069.24	3,681.08
No. 4.....	18,927.37	3,044.06
No. 5.....	14,896.81	2,918.58
No. 6.....	8,266.13	2,795.91
No. 7.....	14,326.81	2,574.03

Totals...\$107,690.66 \$22,427.77

According to Judge Hattan there is about \$9,000 of the general fund on the tax rolls and warrants amounting to \$2,000 have been drawn against this. Most of the balance will then be shifted to the road districts to pay for bridges and other contract work which have been paid out of the district funds. It will be seen that road district No. 2, in which St. Helens is located, has spent the most, while Nos. 3 and 4 are close runners up. Road districts Nos. 6 and 7 are in the best shape, for in addition to the amount shown in the above table as on hand they have about \$12,000 of a special fund, about one-half of which is collected with nothing paid out from the fund.

A statement of resources and liabilities of the general fund is also furnished, which shows that if all the back taxes are collected that fund would still have a balance on hand.

Resources	
Cash on hand	\$ 1,921.66
Bal. on 1915 roll	78,046.28
Bal. on 1908 to 1915 roll	30,025.92
Total	\$109,993.86
Liabilities	
Outstanding warrants	\$ 26,559.44
Half state tax	20,072.38
Bond sinking fund	24,000.00
Interest on bonds	9,000.00
Total	\$ 79,631.82

It is hardly possible that the entire back taxes, which amount to \$30,000, will be collected. The indebtedness at January 1, 1917, will be about the amount of the sinking fund, and if this should be used to call in warrants there will be no outstanding warrants except that the general fund will then owe the sinking fund the amount. However, the bonds must be paid, and it is a wise idea to keep the sinking fund intact.

STREET AND SCHOOL SIGNS BEING PLACED

The signs recently ordered by the council have been finished and are being placed by Marshal Southard. On the corner of Columbia and St. Helens streets is a sign which tells the automobilist there is a school nearby and to be careful. Similar signs have been placed on Oak street just before the road turns into St. Helens street. A dozen signs giving the names of the streets have also been placed at conspicuous corners. Several signs which point out the Astoria-Goble road have been placed where motorists cannot fail to see them.

STORES WILL CLOSE THIS AFTERNOON

In order to give their employes an opportunity to visit the county fair, most of the St. Helens business houses will close their doors at 1 o'clock. The public schools will be closed for the entire day, so that the children can take part in the exercises, which promise to be one of the main attractions of the fair. A very complete program has been prepared and the largest crowd to yet pass in the gates is expected.